Suspected Foreign Power Behind Attacks on Minority Religious Institutions

†1144. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any foreign power is behind the attacks on the places of worship belonging to minorities in various parts of the country.

(b) if so, the information provided by various intelligene agencies to Government in this regard; and

(c) Goverment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The role of an organisation called 'Dendar Anjuman' having links in Pakistan, has been established in the recent bomb blasts in Churches in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa.

(c) Although 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India, the Central Government has issued detailed Guidelines for the Promotion of Comm[illegible]nal Harmony and National Itegration. Intelligence inputs are shared with the concerned state Governments and alert messages and advisories are sent form time to time.

A high-level meeting was convened on 4.7.2000 with the Home Secretaries, DGPs and DG/IG (Intelligence) of the Governments of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, U.P. and Orissa and the State Governments were urged to provide protection to the minorities and their institutions and to deal with firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them.

The Govt. is committed to safeguarding the interests of the minorities and to deal firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them.

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